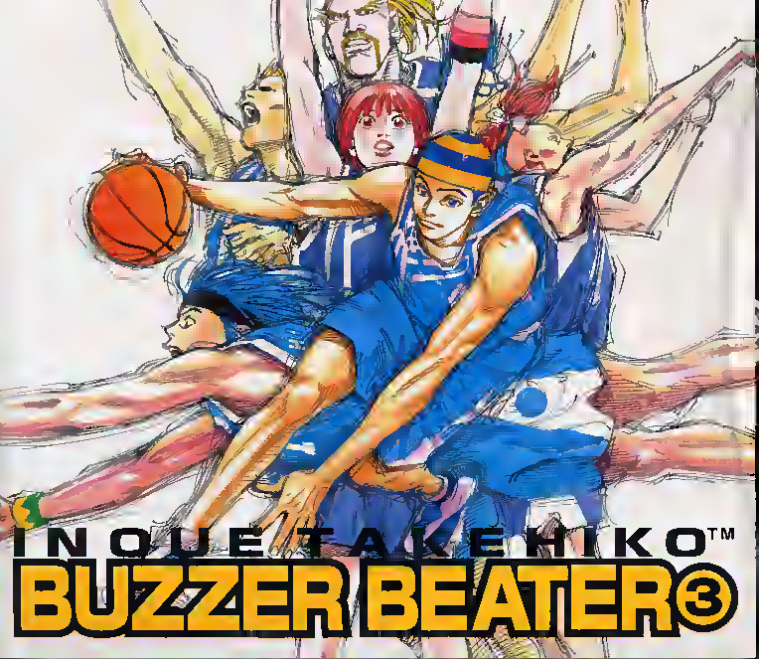
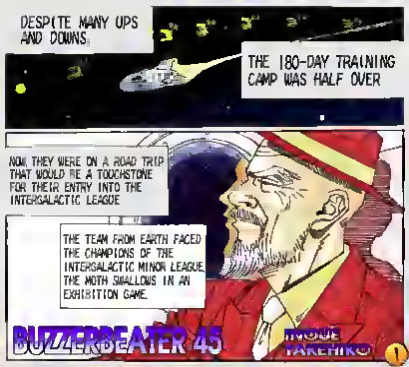
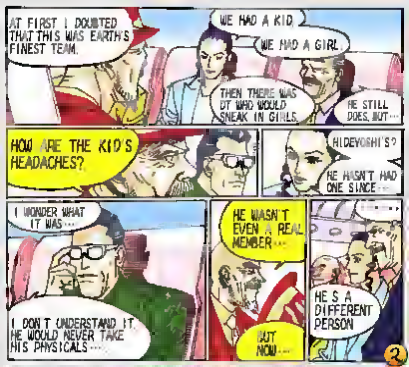
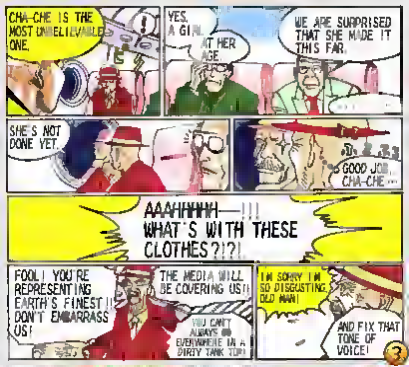
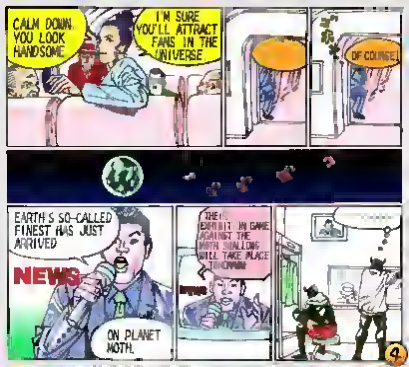
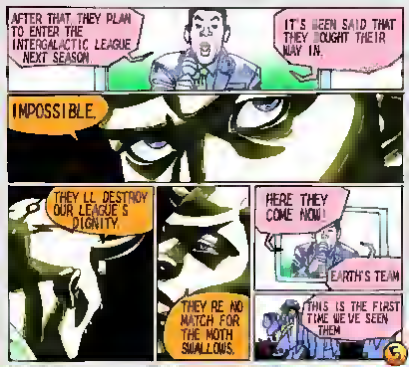

INOUE TAKEHIKO™
BUZZER BEATER③


DESPITE MANY UPS AND DOWNS,
THE 180-DAY TRAINING CAMP WAS HALF OVER
NOW THEY WERE ON A ROAD TRIP THAT WOULD BE A TOUCHSTONE FOR THEIR ENTRY INTO THE INTERSALACTIC LEAGUE
THE TEAM FROM EARTH FACED THE CHAMPIONS OF THE INTERSALACTIC MINOR LEAGUE, THE MOTH SWALLOWS IN AN EXHIBITION GAME.
BUZZER BEATER 45
INOUE TAKEHIKO
1

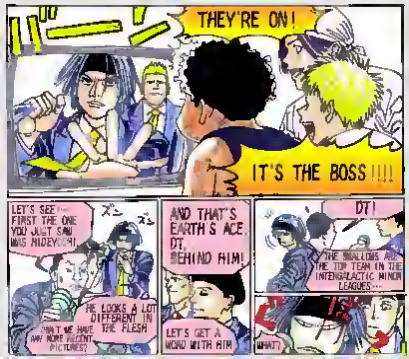

AT FIRST I DOUBTED THAT THIS WAS EARTH'S FINEST TEAM.
WE HAD A KID
WE HAD A GIRL
THEN THERE WAS DT WHO WOULD SNEAK IN GIRLS
HE STILL DOES, BUT...
HOW ARE THE KID'S HEADACHES?
KIDEVORHI'S?
HE HASN'T HAD ONE SINCE...
I WONDER WHAT IT WAS...
I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT. HE WOULD NEVER TAKE HIS PHYSICALS...
HE WASN'T EVEN A REAL MEMBER...
BUT NOW...
HE'S A DIFFERENT PERSON
2


CHA-CHE IS THE MOST UNBELIEVABLE ONE.
YES. A GIRL.
AT HER AGE
WE ARE SURPRISED THAT SHE MADE IT THIS FAR.
SHE'S NOT DONE YET.
GOOD JOB, CHA-CHE...
AAAHHHHH—!!! WHAT'S WITH THESE CLOTHES?!?!
FOOL! YOU'RE REPRESENTING EARTH'S FINEST!! DON'T EMBARRASS US!
THE MEDIA WILL BE COVERING US!!
YOU CAN'T ALWAYS GO EVERYWHERE IN A DIRTY TANK TOP!
I'M SORRY I'M SO DISGUSTING, OLD MAN!
AND FIX THAT TONE OF VOICE!
3

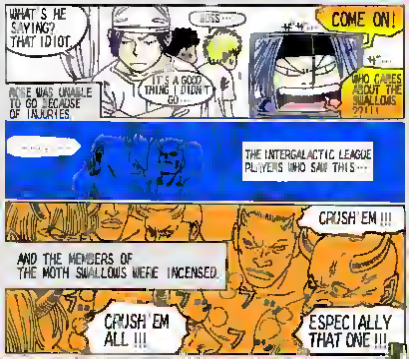

CALM DOWN. YOU LOOK HANDSOME.
I'M SURE YOU'LL ATTRACT FANS IN THE UNIVERSE
OF COURSE!
EARTH'S SO-CALLED FINEST HAS JUST ARRIVED
NEWS
ON PLANET MOTH.
THEN EXHIBIT IN GAME AGAINST THE MOTH SUN LOVE WILL TAKE PLACE TOMORROW
MOTH
4

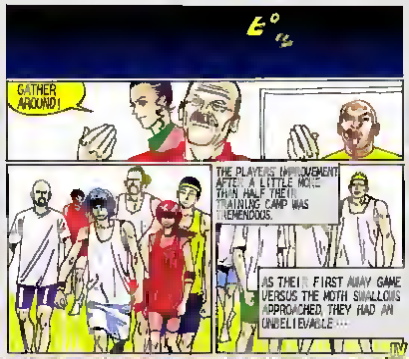

AFTER THAT THEY PLAN TO ENTER THE INTERGALACTIC LEAGUE NEXT SEASON.
IT'S BEEN SAID THAT THEY BOUGHT THEIR WAY IN.
IMPOSSIBLE.
THEY'LL DESTROY OUR LEAGUE'S DIGNITY.
THEY'RE NO MATCH FOR THE NOTH SWALLOWS.
HERE THEY COME NOW!
EARTH'S TEAM
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE'VE SEEN THEM

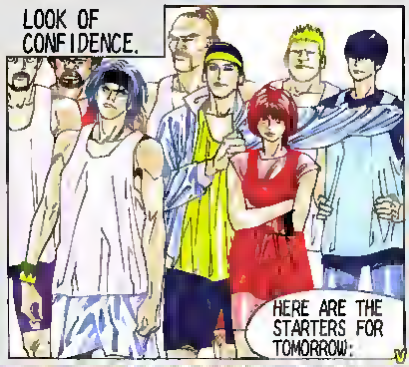
WHAT'RE YOU LOOKING AT?!


THEY'RE ON!
IT'S THE BOSS!!!!
LET'S SEE... FIRST THE ONE YOU JUST SAW WAS MIDEX...
HE LOOKS A LOT DIFFERENT IN THE FLESH.
CAN'T WE HAVE ANY MORE RECENT PICTURES?
AND THAT'S EARTH'S ACE, DT, BEHIND HIM!
LET'S GET A WORD WITH HIM.
DT!
THE SWALLOWS ARE THE TOP TEAM IN THE INTERGALACTIC MINOR LEAGUES...
WHAT?

INTERGALACTIC
LEAGUE
CHAMPIONS
COME ON !!!
BUZZERBEATER
46
INOUE
TAKEHIKO

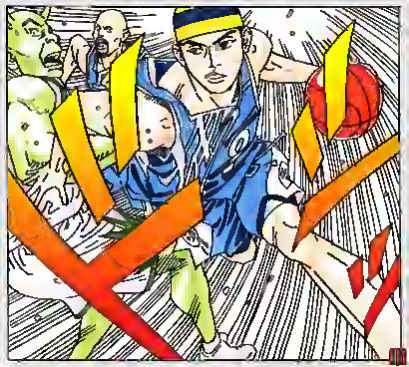

WHAT'S HE SAYING? THAT IDIOT.
MOSS...
IT'S A GOOD THING I DIDN'T GO.
COME ON!
WHO CARES ABOUT THE SWALLOWS?!!!
MOSS WAS UNABLE TO GO BECAUSE OF INJURIES
THE INTERGALACTIC LEAGUE PLAYERS WHO SAW THIS...
CRUSH 'EM !!!
AND THE MEMBERS OF THE MOTH SWALLOWS WERE INCENSED.
CRUSH 'EM ALL !!!
ESPECIALLY THAT ONE !!!

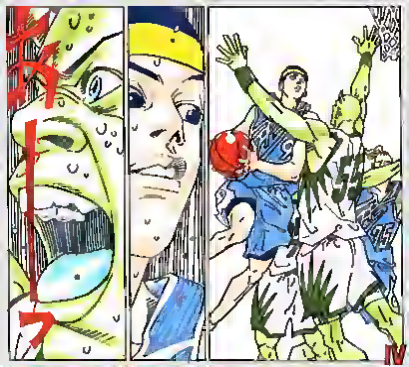

GATHER AROUND!
THE PLAYERS IMPROVEMENT AFTER A LITTLE MORE THAN HALF THE TRAINING CAMP WAS TREMENDOUS.
AS THEIR FIRST AWAY GAME VERSUS THE MOTH SWALLOWS APPROACHED, THEY HAD AN UNBELIEVABLE ...

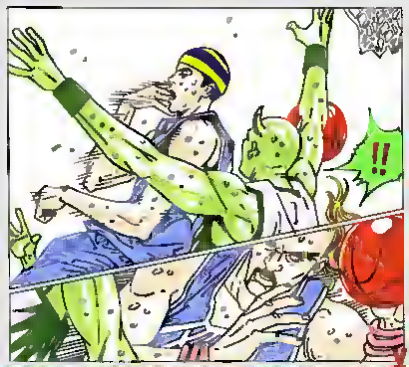

LOOK OF CONFIDENCE.
HERE ARE THE STARTERS FOR TOMORROW:

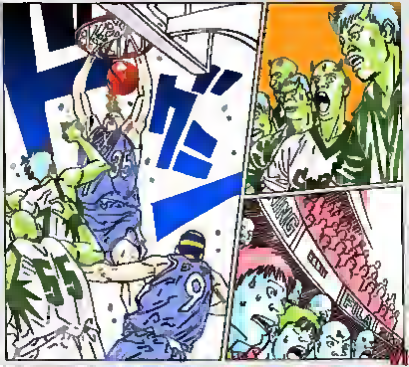
C, MO.
PF, IVAN.
SG, MARU
HAN, YOU'RE SF.
AND DT, YOU RE THE PG
WE'RE GOING WITH YOU 5!

BUZZERBEATER
INOUE TAKEHIKO 47



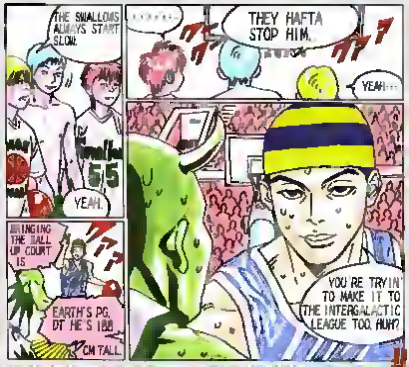

ハア
ハア
ハア
54
95

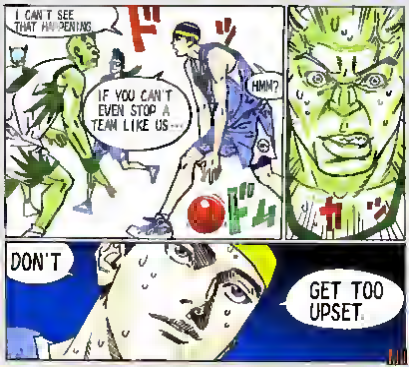


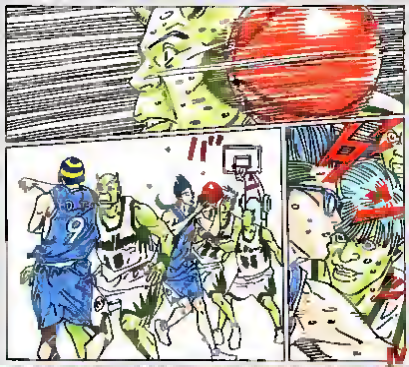

ドゴ
95
55
9

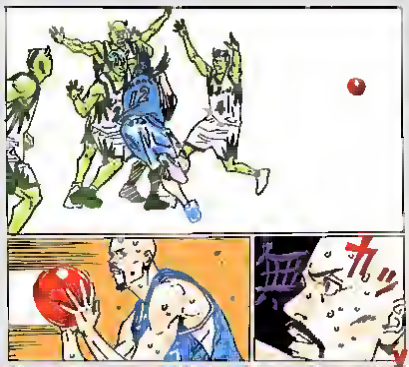
BUZZERBEATER

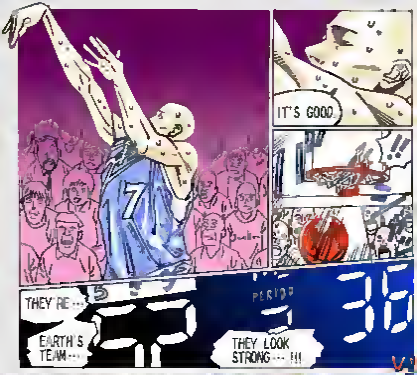
INOUE TAKEHIKO 48

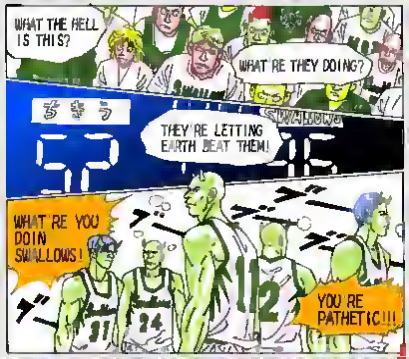

THE SWALLOWS ALWAYS START SLOW.
55
YEAH.
BRINGING THE TALL UP COUNT IS
EARTH'S PG. DT HE'S 180
CM TALL.
THEY HAFTA STOP HIM.
YEAH...
YOU'RE TRYIN' TO MAKE IT TO THE INTERGALACTIC LEAGUE TOO, HUH?

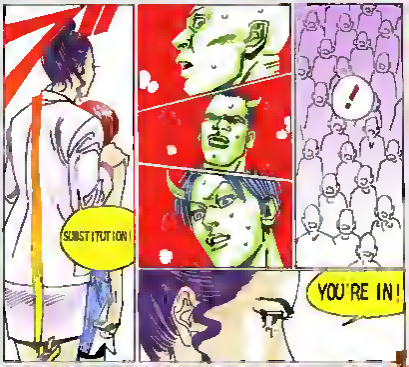

I CAN'T SEE THAT HAPPENING
IF YOU CAN'T EVEN STOP A TEAM LIKE US…
HMM?
DON'T
GET TOO UPSET.

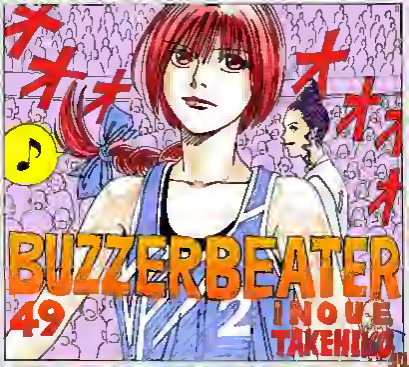


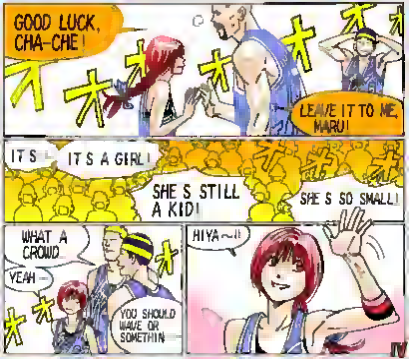

カッ

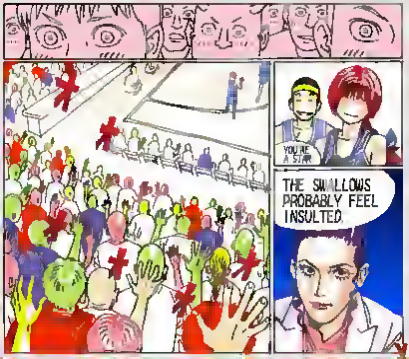

IT'S GOOD.
THEY RE···
EARTH'S TEAM···
PERIOD
THEY LOOK STRONG··· !!!

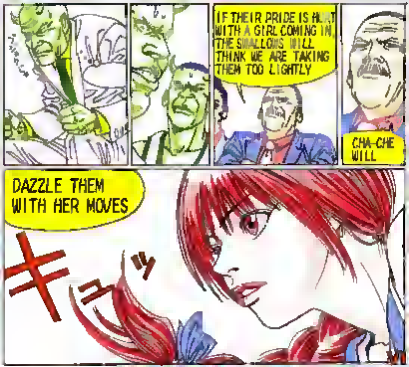

WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?
WHAT RE THEY DOING?
ちきう
52
46
THEY RE LETTING EARTH BEAT THEM!
WHAT RE YOU DOIN SWALLOWS!
YOU RE PATHETIC!!!

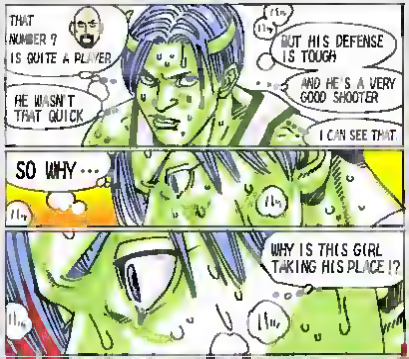

SUBSTITUTION!
!
YOU'RE IN!

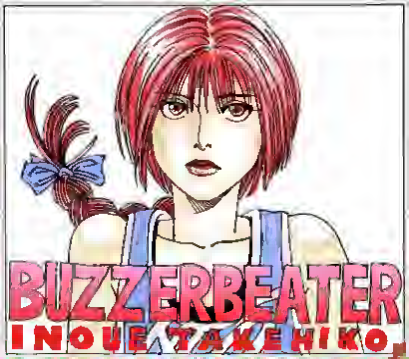

オオ
オオ
BUZZERBEATER
49
INOUE
TAKEHIKO

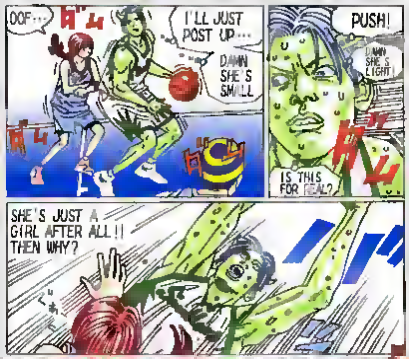

GOOD LUCK, CHA-CHE!
LEAVE IT TO ME, MARU!
IT'S
IT'S A GIRL!
SHE'S STILL A KID!
SHE'S SO SMALL!
WHAT A CROWD.
YEAH.
YOU SHOULD WAVE OR SOMETHIN
HIYA~!!

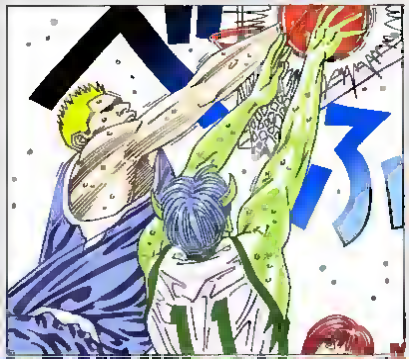

YOU'RE A STAR
THE SWALLOWS PROBABLY FEEL INSULTED

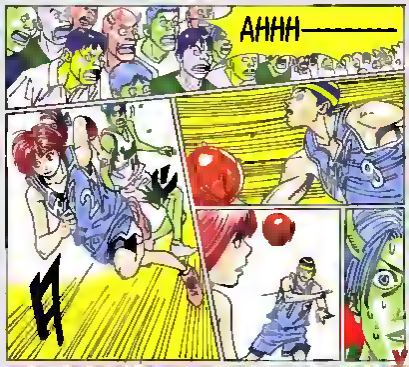

IF THEIR PRIDE IS HURT WITH A GIRL COMING IN, THE SWALLOWS WILL THINK WE ARE TAKING THEM TOO LIGHTLY
CHA-CHE WILL
DAZZLE THEM WITH HER MOVES
キュッ

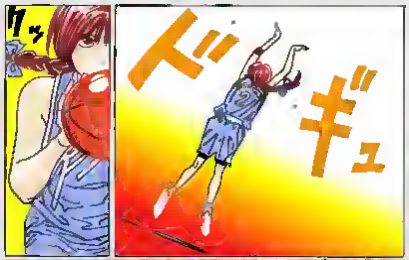

THAT NUMBER 7 IS QUITE A PLAYER
HE WASN'T THAT QUICK
BUT HIS DEFENSE IS TOUGH
AND HE'S A VERY GOOD SHOOTER
I CAN SEE THAT
SO WHY...
WHY IS THIS GIRL TAKING HIS PLACE!?

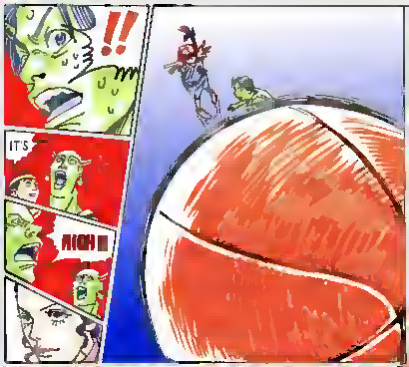

BUZZERBEATER
INOUE TAKEHIKO

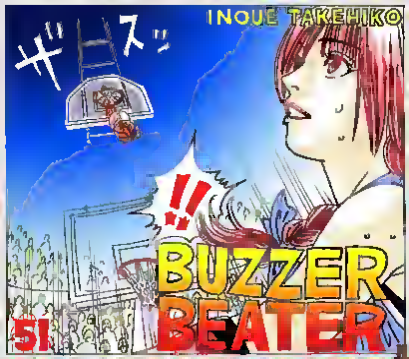

OOF...
I'LL JUST POST UP...
DAMN SHE'S SMALL
PUSH!
DAMN SHE'S LIGHT
IS THIS FOR REAL?
SHE'S JUST A GIRL AFTER ALL!!
THEN WHY?

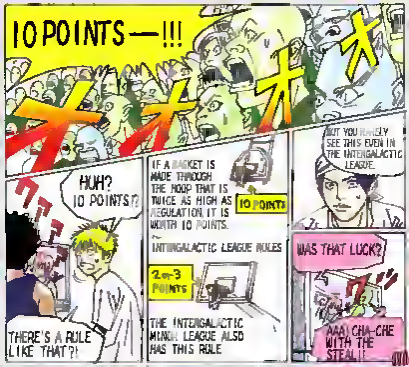


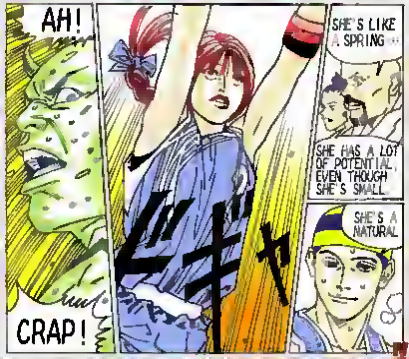

AHHH———

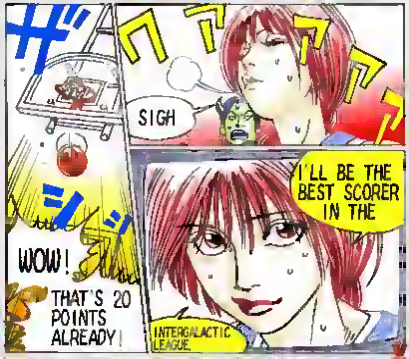

ドギュ
WHAT !!


!!
IT'S
RICH !!


ザスッ
INOUE TAKEHIKO
!!
BUZZER
BEATER
51


10 POINTS—!!!
ゴゴゴゴゴ
HUH? 10 POINTS?
THERE'S A RULE LIKE THAT?!
IF A BASKET IS MADE THROUGH THE HOOP THAT IS TWICE AS HIGH AS REGULATION IT IS WORTH 10 POINTS.
10 POINTS
INTERGALACTIC LEAGUE RULES
2-3 POINTS
THE INTERGALACTIC MINOR LEAGUE ALSO HAS THIS RULE
BUT YOU RARELY SEE THIS EVEN IN THE INTERGALACTIC LEAGUE.
WAS THAT LUCK?
AAA) CHA-CHE WITH THE STEAL!!

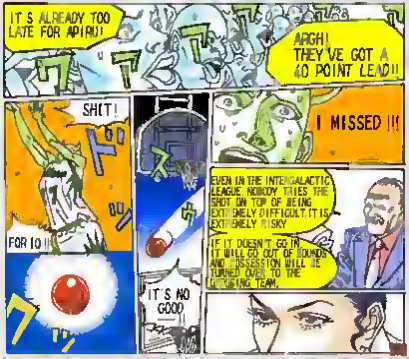

AH!
CRAP!
SHE'S LIKE A SPRING...
SHE HAS A LOT OF POTENTIAL, EVEN THOUGH SHE'S SMALL.
SHE'S A NATURAL

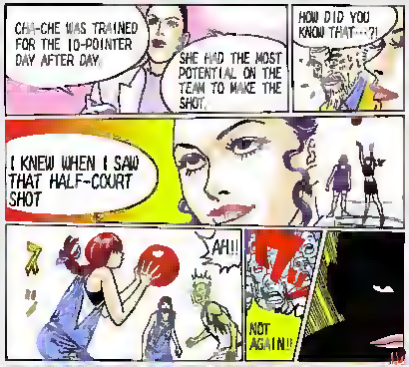

SIGH
I'LL BE THE BEST SCORER IN THE
INTERGALACTIC LEAGUE
WOW!
THAT'S 20 POINTS ALREADY!

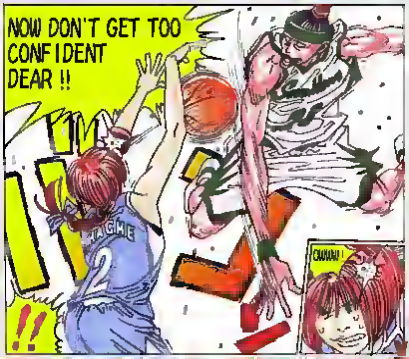
!!
STOP HER
APIRU!
YOU GOT IT
20

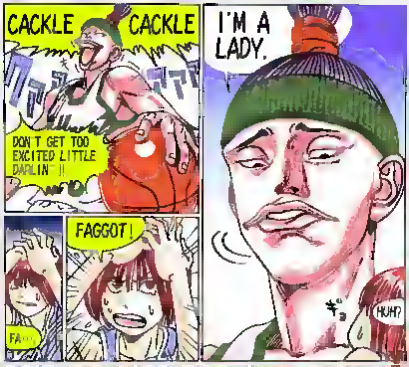
Sunday Lunch
20
WOAH ..... !!!
THOSE ARMS
ARE LOONG !!
WHAT'S
WITH THAT?
HER HANDS
ARE BIG
TOO!

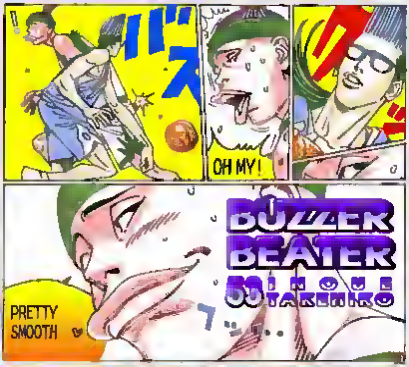
ドドドドド
ドドドドド
ドドドドド

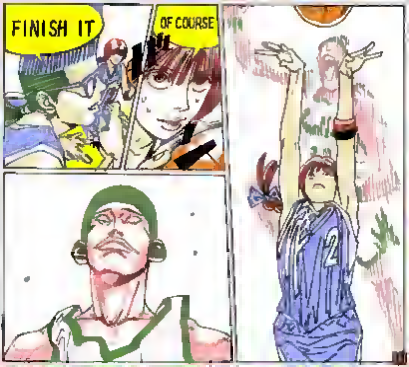

IT'S ALREADY TOO LATE FOR APIAU!!
ARGH! THEY'VE GOT A 40 POINT LEAD!!
SHIT!
FOR 10 !!
I MISSED !!!
EVEN IN THE INTERGALACTIC LEAGUE NOBODY TAKES THE SHOT ON TOP OF BEING EXTREMELY DIFFICULT, IT IS EXTREMELY RISKY
IF IT DOESN'T GO IN IT WILL GO OUT OF BOUNDS AND POSSESSION WILL BE TURNED OVER TO THE OPPOSING TEAM.
IT'S NO GOOD!

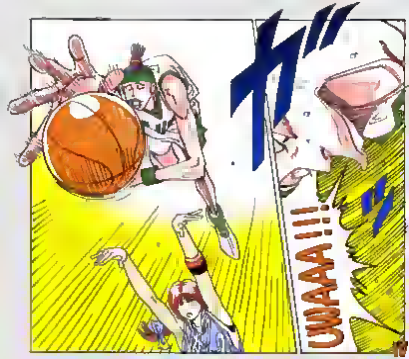

CHI-CHE WAS TRAINED FOR THE 10-POINTER DAY AFTER DAY.
SHE HAD THE MOST POTENTIAL ON THE TEAM TO MAKE THE SHOT.
HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT...?!
I KNEW WHEN I SAW THAT HALF-COURT SHOT
AH!!
NOT AGAIN!!

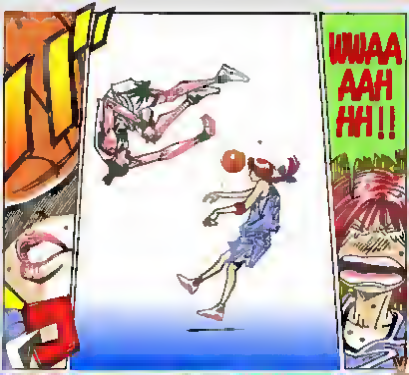

NOW DON'T GET TOO CONFIDENT DEAR !!
!!
CHIHIRO!

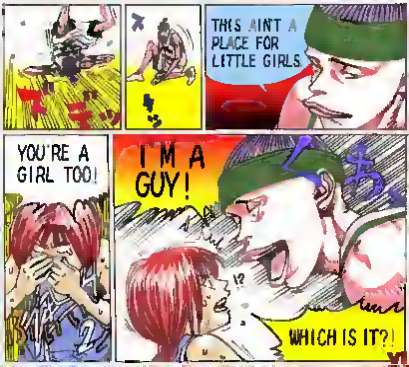

CACKLE
CACKLE
DON'T GET TOO EXCITED LITTLE DARLIN' !!
I'M A LADY.
HUH?
FAGGOT!
FA...


バス
OH MY!
BUZZER BEATER
INOUE TAKEHIKO
PRETTY SMOOTH


FINISH IT
OF COURSE
2


UWAAA!!!

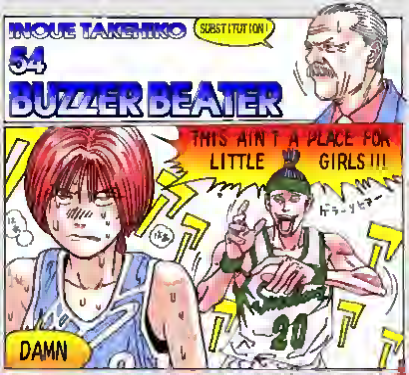

WHAA
AAH
HH!!

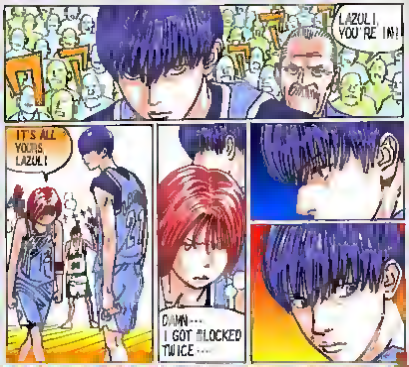

THIS AIN'T A PLACE FOR LITTLE GIRLS
YOU'RE A GIRL TOO!
I'M A GUY!
WHICH IS IT?!

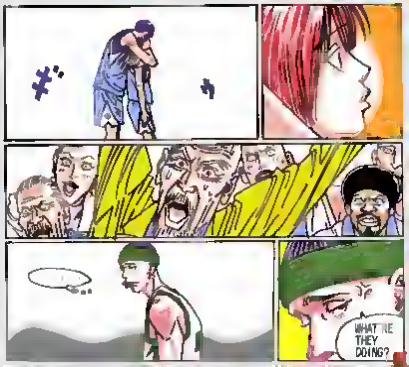
INOUE TAKEHIKO

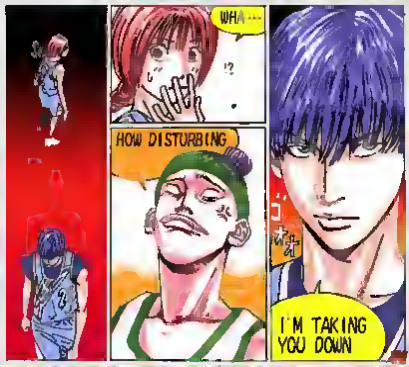
54

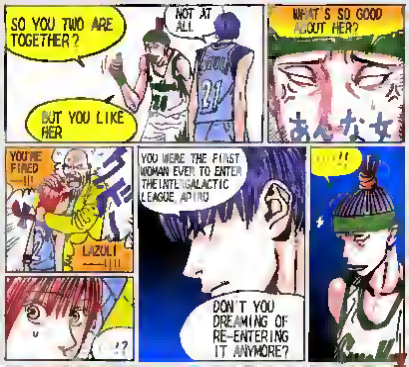
BUZZER BEATER

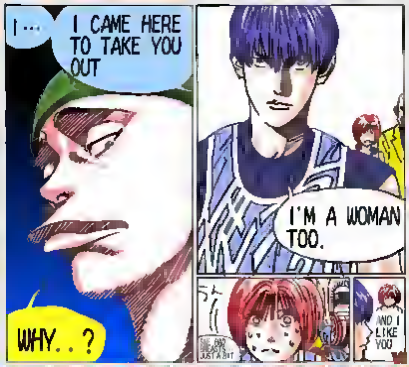


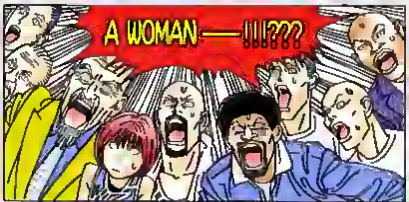

LAZULI, YOU'RE IN!
IT'S ALL YOURS, LAZULI!
DAMN... I GOT BLOCKED TWICE...


WHAT'RE THEY DOING?


WHA---
!?
HOW DISTURBING
I'M TAKING YOU DOWN


SO YOU TWO ARE TOGETHER?
NOT AT ALL
BUT YOU LIKE HER
WHAT'S SO GOOD ABOUT HER?
あんな女
YOU'RE FIRED!!!
LIZOLI
YOU WERE THE FIRST WOMAN EVER TO ENTER THE INTERGALACTIC LEAGUE, AFAIK
DON'T YOU DREAMING OF RE-ENTERING IT ANYMORE?
!!!!!


I...
I CAME HERE TO TAKE YOU OUT
WHY..?
I'M A WOMAN TOO.
I, UM, LIKE YOU JUST A BIT
AND I LIKE YOU

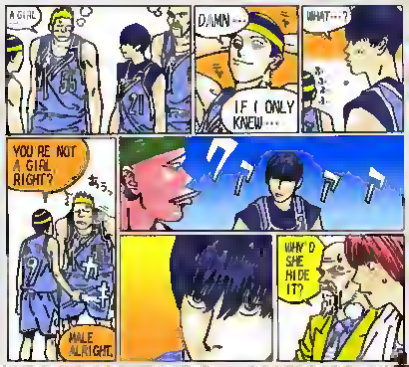


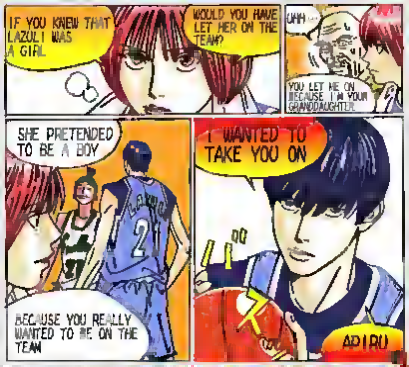
BUZZER BEATER

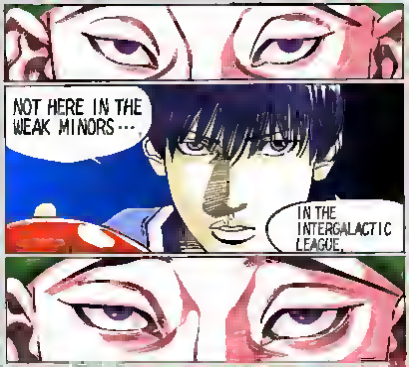
INOUE TAKEHIKO

55

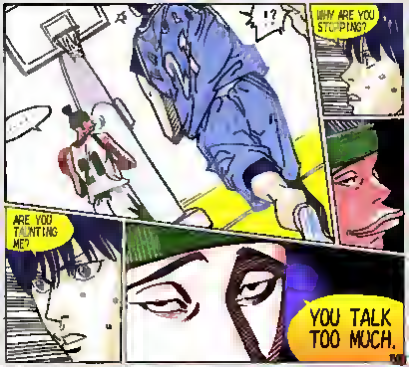
SORRY FOR HIDING IT

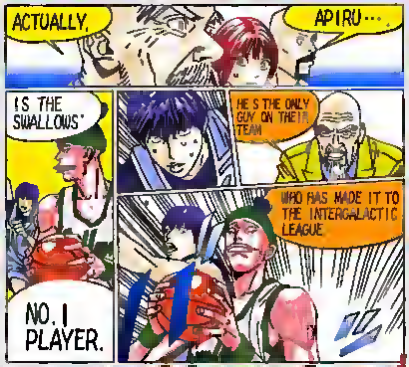

A GIRL
DAMN...
IF I ONLY KNEW...
WHAT...?
YOU'RE NOT A GIRL, RIGHT?
あう。
MALE ALRIGHT.
WHY'D SHE HIDE IT?

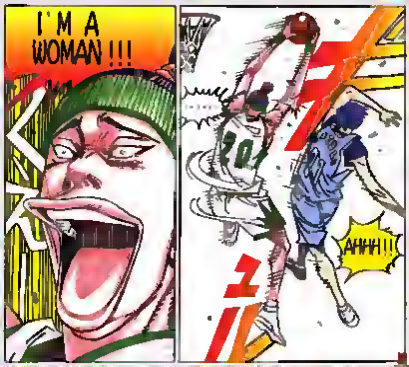

IF YOU KNEW THAT LAZULI WAS A GIRL
WOULD YOU HAVE LET HER ON THE TEAM?
UHH...
YOU LET HE ON BECAUSE I'M YOUR GRANDDAUGHTER!
SHE PRETENDED TO BE A BOY
BECAUSE YOU REALLY WANTED TO BE ON THE TEAM
I WANTED TO TAKE YOU ON
ADIRU

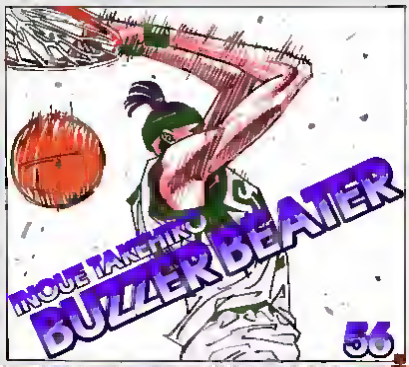

NOT HERE IN THE WEAK MINORS···
IN THE INTERGALACTIC LEAGUE.

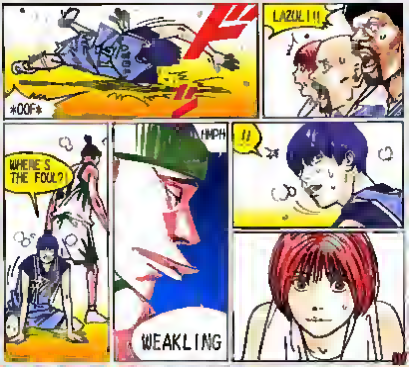
ドン


!?
WHY ARE YOU STOMPING?
ARE YOU TAUNTING ME?
YOU TALK TOO MUCH.

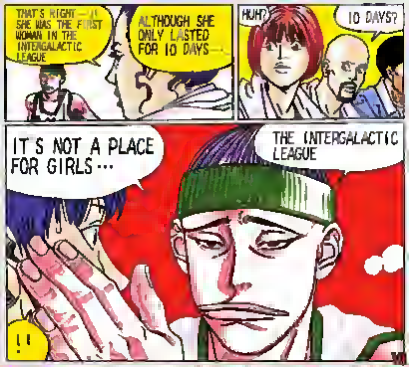

ACTUALLY,
APIRU...
I'S THE SWALLOWS'
NO. 1 PLAYER.
HE'S THE ONLY GUY ON THEIR TEAM
WHO HAS MADE IT TO THE INTERGALACTIC LEAGUE.

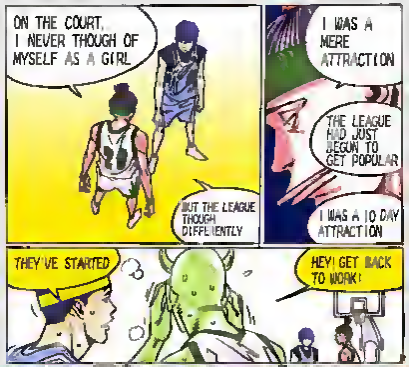

I'M A WOMAN !!!
AHHH!!!

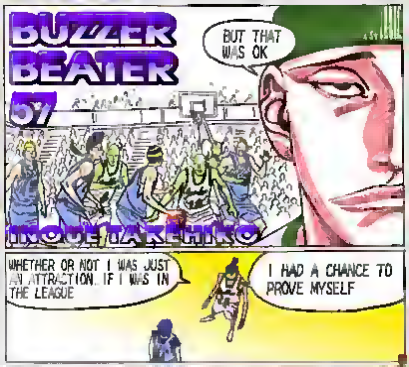

INOUE TAKEHIKO
BUZZER BEATER
56

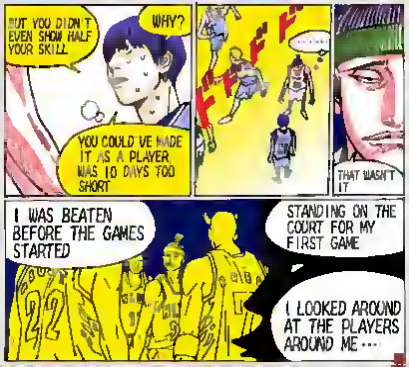

OOF
LAZUL!!!
WHERE'S THE FOUL?
HMPH
!!
WEAKLING

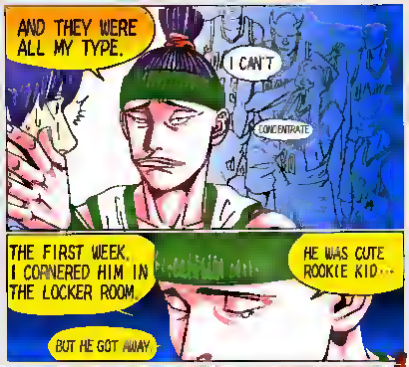
IS APIRU…
A GUY OR A GIRL?
SHE'S A GIRL…
SO SHE ENTERED THE INTERGALACTIC LEAGUE AS A WOMAN…
APIRU…

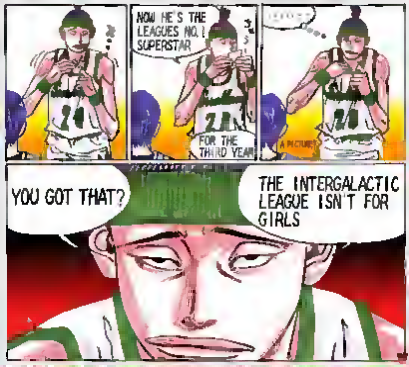

THAT'S RIGHT--! SHE WAS THE FIRST WOMAN IN THE INTERGALACTIC LEAGUE
ALTHOUGH SHE ONLY LASTED FOR 10 DAYS--!
HUH?
10 DAYS?
IT'S NOT A PLACE FOR GIRLS...
THE INTERGALACTIC LEAGUE
LI

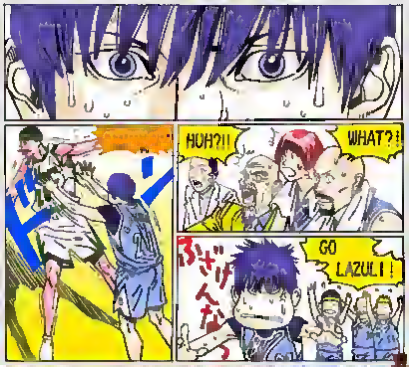

ON THE COURT, I NEVER THOUGH OF MYSELF AS A GIRL
BUT THE LEAGUE THOUGH DIFFERENTLY
I WAS A MERE ATTRACTION
THE LEAGUE HAD JUST BEGUN TO GET POPULAR
I WAS A 10 DAY ATTRACTION
THEY'VE STARTED
HEY! GET BACK TO WORK!

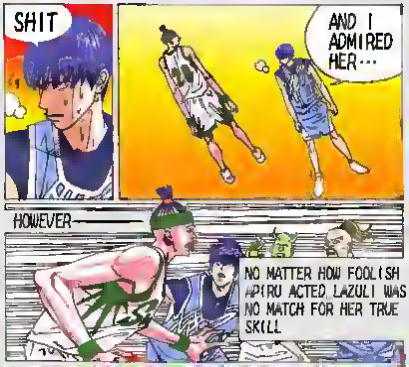

BUZZER BEATER
57
BUT THAT WAS OK
MOURAKAMI
WHETHER OR NOT I WAS JUST AN ATTRACTION, IF I WAS IN THE LEAGUE
I HAD A CHANCE TO PROVE MYSELF

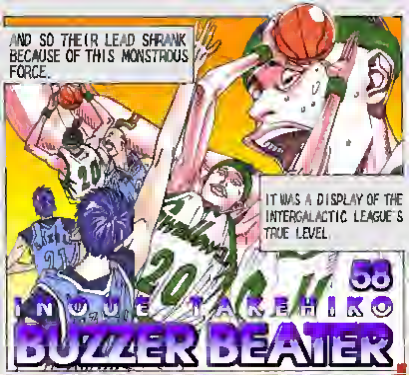

BUT YOU DIDN'T EVEN SHOW HALF YOUR SKILL
WHY?
YOU COULD'VE MADE IT AS A PLAYER. WAS 10 DAYS TOO SHORT
THAT WASN'T IT
I WAS BEATEN BEFORE THE GAMES STARTED
STANDING ON THE COURT FOR MY FIRST GAME
I LOOKED AROUND AT THE PLAYERS AROUND ME…

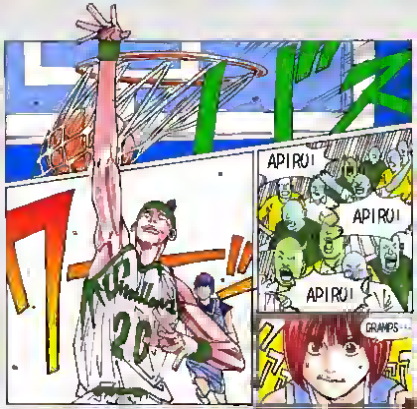

AND THEY WERE ALL MY TYPE.
I CAN'T
CONCENTRATE
THE FIRST WEEK, I CORNERED HIM IN THE LOCKER ROOM.
BUT HE GOT AWAY
HE WAS CUTE ROOKIE KID...

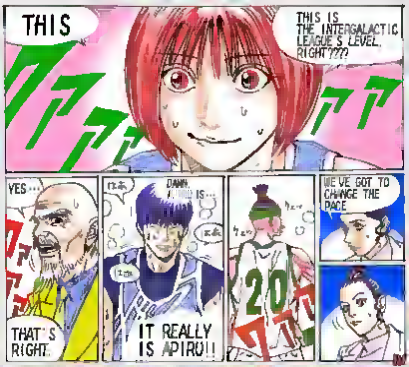

NOW HE'S THE LEAGUES NO.1 SUPERSTAR
FOR THE THIRD YEAR!
A PICTURE?
YOU GOT THAT?
THE INTERGALACTIC LEAGUE ISN'T FOR GIRLS

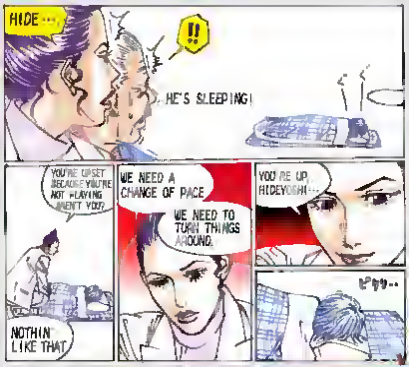

HUH?!!
WHAT?!
GO LAZUL!!


SHIT
AND I ADMIRED HER…
HOWEVER
NO MATTER HOW FOOLISH APIRU ACTED LAZULI WAS NO MATCH FOR HER TRUE SKILL

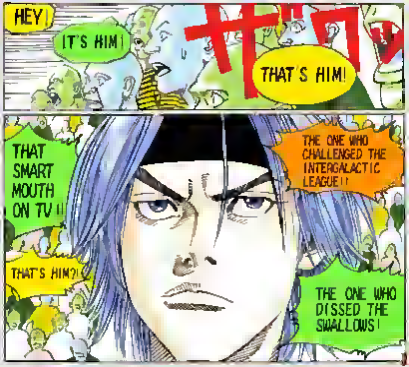

AND SO THEIR LEAD SHRANK BECAUSE OF THIS MONSTROUS FORCE.
IT WAS A DISPLAY OF THE INTERGALACTIC LEAGUE'S TRUE LEVEL.
58
INOUE TAKEHIKO
BUZZER BEATER

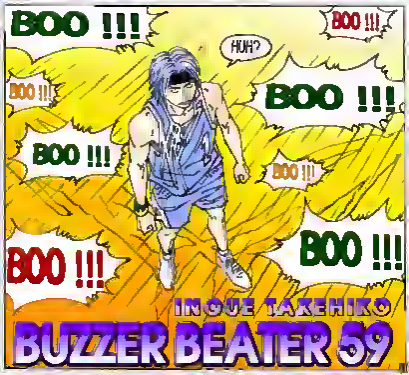

APIRU!
APIRU!
APIRU!
GRAMPS...

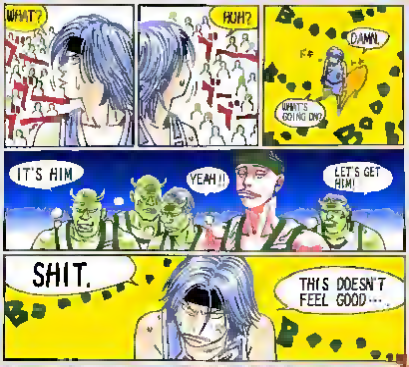

THIS
THIS IS THE INTERGALACTIC LEAGUE'S LEVEL, RIGHT???
YES...
THAT'S RIGHT.
DAMN, I WAS...
IT REALLY IS APIRO!!
20
WE'VE GOT TO CHANGE THE PACE.


HIDE…
!!
HE'S SLEEPING!
YOU'RE UPSET BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT HAVING ANENT YOU!
NOTHIN' LIKE THAT
WE NEED A CHANGE OF PACE
WE NEED TO TURN THINGS AROUND.
YOU'RE UP, HIDEYOSHI…
ﾋﾃﾖｼ…

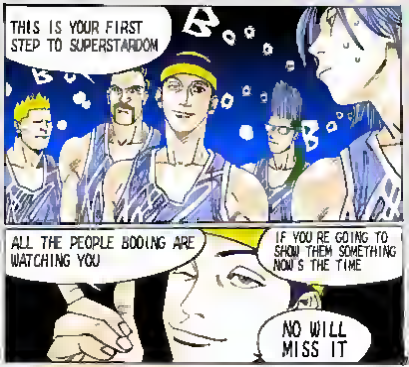
YEAH!
IT TOOK LONG
ENOUGH!

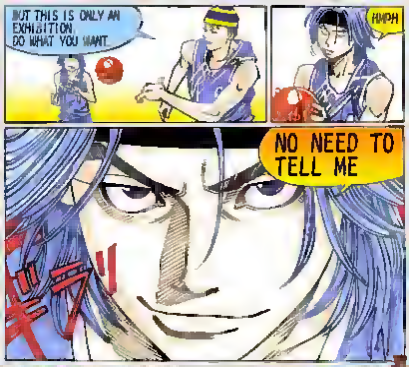

HEY!
IT'S HIM!
THAT'S HIM!
THAT SMART MOUTH ON TV!!
THAT'S HIM?!
THE ONE WHO CHALLENGED THE INTERGALACTIC LEAGUE!!
THE ONE WHO DISSED THE SWALLOWS!

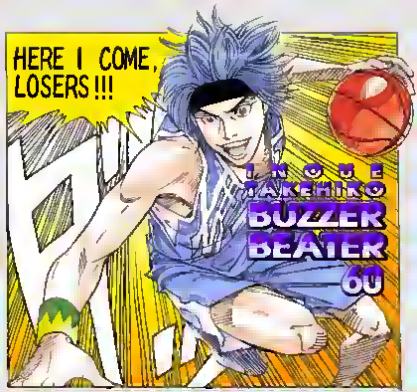

BOO !!!
BOO !!!
HUH?
BOO !!!
BOO !!!
BOO !!!
BOO !!!
BOO !!!
BOO !!!
INOUE TAKEHIKO
BUZZER BEATER 59

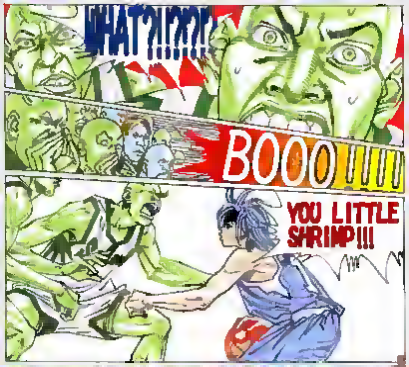

WHAT?
HUH?
DAMN.
WHAT'S GOING ON?
IT'S HIM
YEAH!!
LET'S GET HIM!
SHIT.
THIS DOESN'T FEEL GOOD....

THAT'S WHY THIS IS THE MINORS...
ギッ
!!
BOO!!!
BOO!!!
BOO!!!
BOO!!!
BOO!!!
ARGH!!!
HAHAHAHAAAH! LOOKS LIKE THEY LOVE YOU!
HUH?

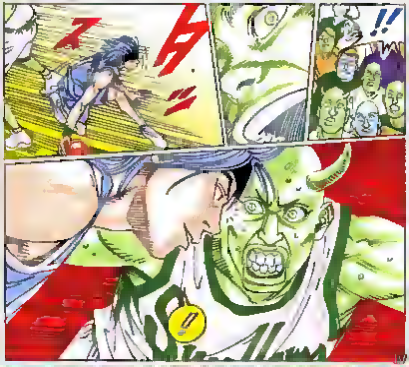

THIS IS YOUR FIRST STEP TO SUPERSTARDOM
ALL THE PEOPLE BOOING ARE WATCHING YOU
IF YOU'RE GOING TO SHOW THEM SOMETHING NOW'S THE TIME
NO WILL MISS IT

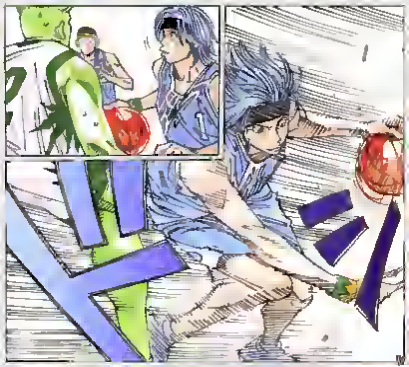

BUT THIS IS ONLY AN EXHIBITION DO WHAT YOU WANT
HMPH
NO NEED TO TELL ME

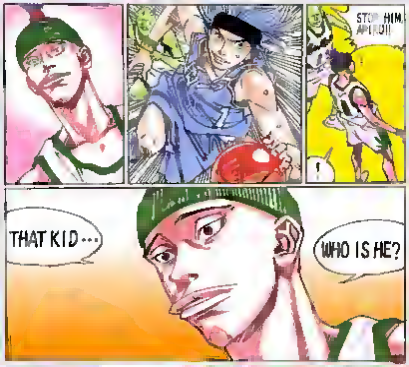

HERE I COME, LOSERS!!!
INOUE TAKEHIKO
BUZZER BEATER
60


WHAT?!!!!!
BOOOO!!!!!
YOU LITTLE SHRIMP!!!

THANKS!
WHAT?!
!!


ス
ト
ッ
!!




STOP HIM, APRIL!!!
THAT KID...
WHO IS HE?